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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/669,940

Applicant(s)

CARCIA ET AL.

Examiner

Thao P. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 16-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3 pages.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Examiner confirms that Applicant's representative, Gail Dalickas (Tel: 202-992-4947) has elected to prosecute group II which directs to devices (claims 14, 16-24) on 03/08/2005 without prejudice.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on **01/30/04, 10/18/04** and made of record. The references cited on the PTOL 1449 form have been considered.

Abstract Objection

3. A new abstract is required that is clearly indicative the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:
(1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;

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- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words.

4. The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objection

5. Claim 23 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 23 depends on non-elected claim 15 which depends on non-elected group I (claims 1-13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

6. Claims 14, 16-24 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (a) as being anticipated by Iacovangelo, U.S. Patent No. 6,420,032.

Regarding claim 14, Iacovangelo discloses a transistor comprising an undoped transparent oxide semiconductor (transparent metal oxide layer, See Abstract and specification).

Regarding claims 16-21, Iacovangelo discloses the transparent metal oxide semiconductor transistor as described in claim 14 is applied in either flat panel display, active matrix imager, sensor, or RF price label/identification tag/inventory tag (specification).

Regarding claim 22, Iacovangelo discloses the transistor of claim 14 is deposited on a either rigid or flexible substrate (specification, fig. 2).

Regarding claims 23-24, Iacovangelo discloses the transistor of claim 14 further comprising source, drain, gate electrode, gate dielectric fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, tin oxide (specification).

7. References cited in PTO982 and references cited by applicants in IDS also teach the limitations cited in claims 14, 16-24; Maniv et al. (J. Vac. Sci Technol. , A (1983), 1(3), 1370-5, Giancaterina et al (Surface and coatings Technology (2001) 138(1), 84-94, Seager et al. (Appl. Phys. Lett. 68, 2660-2662, 1996), Materials Research bulletin, Vol. 25(8) 2000, Nunes et al. (Mat. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. Vol. 666, 2001), Ohtomo et al. (Rev. IEICE Trans. Electron, Vol. E83-C, No. 10, 2000), and Yamamori disclose the transistors comprising an undoped transparent oxide (such as ZnO) semiconductor.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thao P. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1785. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T (7-6).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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